(1) Transparency

(i) States have been directed to conduct social audit of each and every work of NREGA within three months. Social Audit has been done in 53911 Gram Panchayats.

(ii) A Citizen Information Board has been introduced. This board is to be displayed at all prominent places. This will enable the local community to know the works being undertaken under NREGA and would also facilitate the process of spreading awareness about the programme.

(2) People's Participation

(i) Village level monitoring committee have been set up and trained.

(ii) Non Governmental Organisations are being involved for awareness generation under NREGA.

(iii) Gram Sabhas are held.

(c) Yes, Sir. CAG has conducted performance audit of the implementation of NREGA in 68 districts of 26 States on a request made by the Ministry. In the draft report submitted to the Ministry, CAG has reported 34 cases regarding financial matters. These relate to instances of use of funds for non permissible activities/ineligible persons/agencies and unaccounted expenditure. These have been shared with the State Governments. The States have also given their responses to the observations made by CAG in the draft report. These have been sent to CAG for their consideration.

(d) Government has taken the following steps to monitor the implementation of the rural development schemes.

(i) Performance Review Committee meetings are undertaken by the Minister of Rural Development and Secretary (Rural Development) from time to time.

(ii) Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been set up at State as well as district levels.

(iii) Natioanl Level Monitors (NLMs) and Area Officers visit various districts to oversee the progress of the schemes.

Steps to end corruption in NREG scheme

†734. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG had examined National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in seventy districts; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government would order enquiry into the conduct of officers who submitted forged documents and fabricated data and an NGO who embezzled funds;

(c) the decisions taken in the meeting of Secretaries;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to end corruption in NREG scheme;

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(e) whether Government propose to constitute State and district level monitoring committees; and

(f) the number of States whose Chief Ministers have supplied information with regard to action, in response to letter written by Minister of Rural Development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Ministry of Rural Development requested CAG to undertake performance audit of the implementation of NREGA in phase I districts for the year 2006-07. Accordingly, CAG conducted audit in 68 districts of 26 States. CAG submitted its draft report on 17.12.2007 to the Ministry. The draft report was shared with all States. The States have given their responses to the observations made by CAG in the draft report. These have been sent to CAG. State responses are in the process of examination by CAG for finalisation of the performance audit report of NREGA.

(d) Steps taken to check corruption in NREGS are as under:

(1) Vigilance and Monitoring

(i) Implementation of NREG ACT is monitored on regualr basis. Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been set up at State as well as district levels. Local MPs are the members of the district Vigilance and Monitoring Committees. Village level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been set up for local monitoring. Members of the Central Employment Guarantee Council also undertake field visits to various districts. National level Monitors (NLMs) and Area Officers visit various districts to oversee the progress of the Act. All Phase I and II districts have been visited by the NLMs.

(ii) Muster Roll verification has to be done in a campaign mode and consolidated reports sent to the Ministry.

(2) Transparency

(i) States have been directed to conduct social audit of each and every work of NREGA within three months.

(ii) A Citizen Information Board has been introduced. This board is to be displayed at all prominent places. This will enable the local community to know the works being undertaken under NREGA and would also facilitate the process of spreading awareness about the programme.

(3) MIS

A comprehensive Web-based MIS *www.nrega.nic.in* has been implemented which places all data in public domain. This data pertains to workers; entitilements like registration. Job cards, muster rolls, employment demanded and provided; work data like sanctioned shelf of works, work estimates, work in progress, measurement; Financial indicators like funds available/spent, mount paid as wages, materials and administrative expenses. Data software has been engineered for cross verification of records and for report generation.

(4) Regular Review of NREGA

Progress of implementaiton of NREGA is reviewed on regular basis. NREGA has been reviewed at the highest level in Prime Minister's review meeting on 20.6.2007. Performance Review Committee meetings are undertaken by the Minister of Rural Development and

secretary (Rural Development) from time to time. Review meetings are held periodically with State Secretaries (Rural Development) of all States to see the progress of the Act.

Progress of NREGA was also reviewed in the interactive session with Memebrs of Parliament held during August-September, 2007. State specific reviews are also taken up by Minister (Rural Development) in which members of Central Employment Guarantee Council also participate.

(e) State and district level monitoring committees have already been set up. Local MPs are the members of the district Vigilance and Monitoring Committees.

(f) Draft report submitted by CAG on the performance audit of NREGA in 68 districts had been sent to the States for their response to the CAG findings. Minister of Rural Development had also written to Chief Ministers of all States in this regard. All States (except Arunanchal Pradesh and Manipur) have sent their responses to the observations made by CAG in the draft report.

Provision of jobs other than physical labour in NREG scheme

†735. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision of jobs other than physical labour in National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREG); and

(b) if so, the details of such jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) National Rural Employment Guarantee act provides a legal guarantee for 100 days of employment in a financial year to every rural household for doing unskilled manual work on demand. Skilled and semi-skilled workers are also employed to work on the various projects taken up under the Act based on the need.

PMGSY in Gumla district of Jharkhand

736. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) why are roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) not constructed in the tribal areas of Jharkhand where tribal population of more than 10,000 live such as Chainpur and Dumri blocks of Gumla district;

(b) when will roads under PMGSY be constructed as per Government of India specifications; and

(c) how many roads under this scheme are constructed in Gumla district in this financial year, the details of names of the villages, size of the road, block and their date of completion thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

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